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Mail Stop Amendment

Group Art Unit: 3739

Application No. : 10/681,155

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Examiner: Beverly FLANAGAN

For : OUTER SHEATHED ENDOSCOPE

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop _____
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111** in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 A Request for Extension of Time.
 No additional fee is required.

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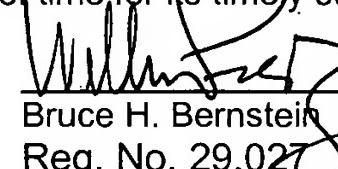
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Sir :

In response to the Official Action of November 15, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on February 15, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.